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To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the DOJ is required to offer a period of public comment regarding the proposed Microsoft settlement, prior to the final determination of whether or not the settlement is in the "public interest".

As a U.S. citizen, a consumer, a financial professional, and as a private investor, I wholeheartedly support the proposed settlement of this case. Although I have no affiliation or financial dependence on Microsoft, I believe that this case has been a drag on our U.S. economy and as such has done nothing but exacerbate recessionary pressures. I believe that the people of the United States are anxious to recover and move on from the current economic recession and the events of this past year. The Microsoft settlement would aid in this recovery with the removal of the "black cloud" hanging over the technology side of our economy.

I believe that Microsoft has gotten the message regarding their competitive business conduct, and have already paid a very high price. The only benefactors of a continuation of the suit are a few competitors of Microsoft....Certainly not the general public or the U.S. economy. I hope that the DOJ and the handful of states will not be influenced by a few self serving special interest groups and will finalize this settlement, as it is in the best "public interest".

Thank you for your time.

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